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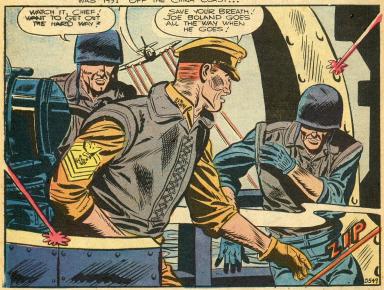




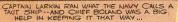


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ALL RIGHT, BOYS, RUN THROUGH IT AGAIN! I WANT THE BARREL OUT AND CLEANED, THEN BACK AGAIN TEN SECONDS FASTER! AW. CHIEF. WE DID IT TWENTY TIMES ALREADY! EVERYONE ELSE IS DOWN IN THE MESS DECK!







































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Sir George Harrington, Second Lord of the British Admirality, was a tall thin expressionless man in his late fifties. Behind his back the clerks called him "Poker Face." But they should have seen him now as he faced Captain Frank Halper, U.S.N. There was nothing but amazement written on the face of a man who was able to control his emotions and feelings.

"I don't believe it," he finally said as he pushed his chair away from his desk. "They say that Americans will try anything. Young blood in their veins. But this proposal of yours is so utterly fantastic that I feel like considering the entire matter as a poor joke. Please don't misunderstand me, Captain Halper. I know your Navy wants to help us in this matter. I will admit the plan is daring; something like you Americans put in the movies. Once I saw an American cinema. Think it was called Siy Submarine. Impossible things done by you people. The man who made that picture should have been put away in what we call a rest home."

"I am quite serious in what I have proposed," interrupted Captain Frank Halper. "Your government wants to capture a Type C-3 German submarine, and you want it intact so you can study how it operates. You also want intact at least two of the new torpedoes that have been doing such damage to your merchant marine as well as to your navy ships. You know that the X-torpedo is driven by compressed air and used at long range and in night attacks. You also know that the Y-torpedo is propelled electrically and hence leaves no visible track of air bubbles. What has you fellows worried is that the Germans are using a magnetic proximity fuse which is actuated on coming within a ship's magnetic field. If you knew how this worked then you would be able to plan some kind of suitable defense to protect your shipe."

"Now you are talking common sense. Shows you are an intelligent man," snapped back Sir George Hassington. "But that plan of yours is just scatterheain material."

"Why?" challenged the American navy officer.
"It is first of all based on sound human psychology.
Scapa Flow has for the Germans a terrific emotional reaction. When their fleet surrendered after

World War I, it went to the bottom there. If one of their submarines could get through and damage some of the British warships or airplane carriers, it would give the Germans a tremendous lift. At present we are beating them everyplace but under the sea. And that we will do soon because our new coastal flying naval boats will be off the production line."

"See if I have your peculiar idea straight in my mind," asked the Second Lord of the British Admirality. "You want us to move the underwater obstacles so that a German submarine can safely enter Scapa Flow. The bait will be our new airplane carrier, THE EAGLE and our latest warship, SUCCESS. Then you propose to trap the submarine in a huge iron net like a fish and bring it ashore. If it fails we lose two of our best ships and thousands of our sailors."

"You won't lose a ship nor a sailor," replied Captain Frank Halper. "But I must be in absolute control of the project. That means even your Admirals there must obey me."

Sir George Harrington knew the American navy officer was asking for a lot of power. Suddenly he smiled and that broke the air of tension in the room.

"One of my ancestors fought with Drake back in 1588," he said. "The odds were against us. So in memory of Sir Roger Harrington, I give you full power to go ahead. And somehow you have convinced me it can be done."

Admiral Dorn, in charge of the U-boat warfare of the German Navy, was rereading a report sent in by some of his spies.

"Definitely it is a fact that the English are moving their underwater obstacles in Scapa Flow," he told Oberleutnant Carl Gross. "They'are not foolish in doing this. Their latest ships draw ten to twenty more feet of water. You should be able to enter Scapa Flow with the U-72 and sink THE EAGLE and SUCCESS. True there is a calculated risk in all of this. You and your men may drown like rats if your submarine is trapped and destroyed. On the other hand we know much about the tides

and the channel into Scapa Flow. Here is your chance to bring glory to the Fatherland."

Quickly Oberleutnant Carl Gross saluted the Admiral. This was his opportunity to win a promotion he felt was long overdue.

"I speak not only for myself but also for the crew. We are ready to leave at once. The U-72 has been provisioned and rechecked by our experts. I know we shall succeed in this mission."

There was excitement inside the U-72 as she approached her goal. Twice on her way across the North Sea, they had had the opportunity to sink allied ships. But their commander has passed up the chance with a well considered remark. "We need every torpedo for the bigger game." Three times they had been spotted by air craft and had made crash dives. Once a destroyer had dropped depth charges in the vicinity and forced the U-72 to lay quietly on the bottom for several hours. When submerged she could do about 9 knots for a period of time. The commander of the U-72 knew how strong the tides were in the vicinity. He was studying a chart that had been specially prepared for him.

The night will be dark without moon or stars," he told the junior officer serving under him. "We shall enter as the tide starts to go inshore. We must take a chance and surface. Then we shall be certain of our targets."

It was extremely dark as the U-boat cut through the surface of the channel. Several British destroyers on patrol duty could be seen. Oberleutnant Carl Gross was worried.

"If they have seen us then we are finished," he remarked to his junior officer. Ten minutes more and we are on the other side of the channel where the big ships are berthed. We shall fire three torpedoes at the warship and two at the airplane carrier. If we can reload and fire again we shall do so. Otherwise we dive and try to get out of here if we can."

Those ten minutes seemed like an eternity to the submarine commander. They ticked off his wrist watch like hammer blows. Einally he was rewarded by seeing THE EAGLE to his left and the SUCCESS to his right. There was a peculiar mist in the air. Both ships were fully lighted and sailors could be seen on both vessels. This was the moment he was waiting for and he had to act fast. He swung the submarine to his right and fired some of the torpedoes. Then quickly the submarine swung to the left and the rest of the torpedoes were fired. There was a feeling of exhaltation as both ships blew up with terrific explosions. He could see them starting for a watery grave. Then something happened. The entire sky lighted up as concealed

searchlights came into play. Thousands of rocketslit the sky. On the left bank of the shore, Captain Frank Halper gave a signal to an engineer in the cab of a powerful locomotive.

"Start moving at the rate of ten miles an hour. The locomotive on the other side of the shore will do the same."

Oberleutnant Carl Gross knew his submarine was clearly visible. But not a single shot had been fired at it. He gave the signal to crash dive. Then something strange happened. The submarine started to lurch to the side. The diesels were hooked on to the electric motors for added power. Nothing happened as the submarine seemed to be dragged out of the water. Something was hitting against the hull of the undersea craft. The men were scared. Cold sweat appeared on the forehead of their commander.

"We are being dragged to shore," he remarked. "They have us in some kind of a net."

On shore a boarding party forced open the hatch of the submarine.

"Come up one by one," was the order of Captain Frank Halper.

"You will all be treated as prisoners of war and have nothing to fear."

A defiant submarine commander, now a prisoner of war, faced the Second Lord of the British Admirality.

"According to International Law you can't make me say anything. But this I will say. It was worth it. You did get our latest underseas boat and our secrets. But I got both of your biggest ships."

"You got nothing at all," corrected Captain Frank Halper. "Those were movie shots and they certainly looked real. We even had artificial mist so you couldn't see too clearly. We wanted you to come to Scapa Flow. Thanks for accepting the invitation."

"The gratitude of my government to you and your government," said Sir George Harrington when the two were alone. "Anything you want, just ask for it."

"An apology," replied the smiling naval officer.
"I made the picture called Sly Submarine. Used those prop shots from it. So I ought to go to a rest home, eh?"

And for the first time in his life, the Honorable Sir George Harrington did apologize — with a big smile all over his face.

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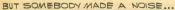


























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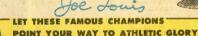
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